



IN RE THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andrew Valdez

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Serial No. : 10/820,526

Examiner A. F. Abdelwahed

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Group Art Unit 3722

For : DOUBLE-SIDED ULTRA-THIN DOOR MARKING TEMPLATE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW**

Telephone interview pursuant to Office Action of September 8, 2006.

Prior Art noted:

US Patent No. 5,114,285 to Brydon

US Patent No. 5,666,737 to Ryan

A draft of amended patent claims was sent to the Examiner for review.

**Claim 7:**

Applicant proposed amending the claim to indicate the perforations in the template are not aligned.

Examiner indicated after review that adding this limitation would likely overcome the prior art cited.

**Claim 12:**

Claim 12 specifies a regular and upper arm door closer and was rejected in the Office Action as being new matter not disclosed in the specification. Applicant noted that

the hole patterns in Figs 1, 2 and 4 would be recognized by one skilled in the art as being characteristic for door closers.

Examiner indicated that this argument was likely valid and would be considered in an amendment.

Claim 14:

Applicant proposed amending the claim with the template having a slip fit.

Examiner indicated after review that this phrasing would not differentiate the claim from the prior art. Using phrasing that indicates mounting the template is without deflection of the sides or without exerting force on the face of the door would be more likely to overcome the prior art.

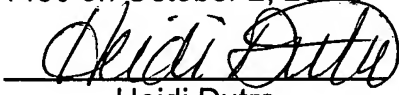
Claims 18-23, though not discussed in this interview, were restricted in the Office Action as being independent from the original invention.

Regardless of the draft document, claims 18-23 may be labeled as "Withdrawn" in further amendments and will be subject to rejoinder upon allowance of claims.

If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

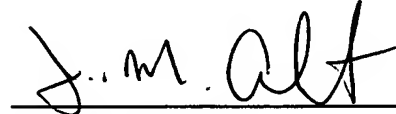
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